Call to any of these 8 countries can be made from any telephone with STD/ISD facility by dialling the above access codes. The service will also be available on dedicated telephones installed at important places of tourist interests, Air Ports, Five Star Hotels and Telephone Bureaus.

2. On dialling the required code, the call will be answered by the operator at the distant end who will put through the call to the required number on "Collect Call" basis after confirmation from the claled number. In respect of calls to USA, AT&T cards can be used.

3. The tariff for each effective call from a dedicated phone will be Rs. 10/- and in case of Dial-up calls the charges will be one metering unit per effective calls.

STD Facilities on National Highways

*260. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made to provide STD facilities on the National Highways;

(b) if so, the norms fixed for providing this facility; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Intially these facilities are proposed to be provided approximately at 50 kms distance on the National Highways.

(c) These facilities have been provided so far on the following National Highways.

1. Delhi — Chandigarh

2. Bombay — Pune, and

3. Madras — Bangalore.

It is proposed to provide STD payphones progressively on other National Highways.

Smuggling of Arms Across Indo-Pak Border

*261. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling of arms and other contraband across the Indo-Pak border has been going on unabated:

(b) if so, the details of contraband seized during the last three months, Sector-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) smuggling of arms and other contrabands across the Indo-Pak border has continued though its intensity has come down. The details of the contraband seized during the last 3 months are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) A number of steps have been taken to deal with the situation which include:

i) Increase in the strength of BSF together with more Border out Posts, Observation Post Towers, Vehicles, electronic equipments, increase foot patrolling etc.
ii) Fencing and flood lighting in certain identified vulnerable stretches along the Punjab and Rajasthan border; and
iii) Gearing up of intelligence set up.